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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 23, 36, and 38 as follows.

23. (Amended) The method of claim 40 [22], wherein *sad* polypeptide is encoded by a *Pseudomonas fluorescens sad* gene.

36. (Amended) The method of claim 34, wherein at least 5% [10%, 25%, 50%,

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